

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

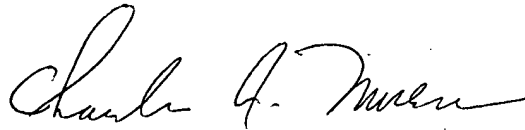
The claims in the application are claims 3, 9, 10 and 12-14, all other claims having been cancelled.

With respect to the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons set forth in paragraphs b), f), i) and x), it is believed that the same obviates these grounds of rejection. Claim 11 has been cancelled and, therefore, obviates rejections b), f) and i). With respect to x), claim 10 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the conditions. The rejection of claim 11 obviates the 35 USC 103 rejections based on EPO 367,110 and Weber et al as well as the 112 first paragraph rejections.

With respect to the 35 USC 112 rejections of claims 4, 9, 10 and 13, second paragraph, claim 4 has been rewritten as new claim 14 and is no longer a duplicate of claim 3. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to correct the typographical errors and claim 11 has been cancelled and there is proper antecedent basis for the various terms in the claims and the bond of attachment has been provided in the claims. Therefore, these grounds of rejection are deemed obviated. With respect to the Examiner's objections, these have also been obviated by the present amendment.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is deemed that the claims clearly point out Applicants' patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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